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Abstract

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0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Scope and Content

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The recipe cards were owned by Robert "Bob" G. Huerta of the U.S. Navy. On the back of the information page for the 1969 edition, Huerta's business card is taped on the card and includes writing on the back. The card explains that he "served aboard five navy ships -- Naval Destroyer Base San Diego 1946-1966. Enjoy these receipe's. Don't be scared to add your touch. Good luck. Bob G. Huerta."

The information card for the 1963 edition explains that the cards have "been reviewed and approved and ... issued for the purpose of standardizing and improving food prepared for and served in the Navy and Marine Corps genderal messes." The recipes service tested and approved recipes to meet the nutritional values and amounts of people to feed. The 1972 edition included information that the "recipe service marks another industry-military joint cooperative efforts to provide military food service personnel with the most advanced concepts and techniques in food prepartion and service."

Folder 1 contains the recipe cards for the 1963 edition of the Navy-Marine Corps Recipe Service. Folder 2 contains the index of recipes booklet for the 1972 Armed Forces Recipes Cards. Folder 3 contains the recipe cards for the 1972 Armed Forces Recipes.

Keywords

History of Food and Drink
Vietnam War, 1961-1975
Cookbooks

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Arrangement

The collection is organized by the recipe cards editions, and they are organized by publishing date.

Description of Subordinate Components

Navy-Marine Corps Recipe Service

Unit Date 1963

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Index of Recipes: Armed Forces Recipe Service

Unit Date 1972

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Armed Forces Recipe Service

Unit Date 1972

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)